

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2005. Claims 1-22 stand rejected.

I. Pending Claims

Upon entry of this response, claims 1, 3 - 12, and 14 - 22 will be pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 2 and 13 are cancelled.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Want et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,675; herinafter "Want").

Regarding claim 1, Want discloses a hand-held computer device 100 for communication with a main computer and/or other similar hand-held devices in a wireless network. The device 100 is designed in such a way that it fits within the palm of a user's hand and allows for ease of use in the user's left or right hand.

The device 100 disclosed in Want includes a display screen 306 that facilitates the use of a stylus 304 to control the functions of the device 100. Buttons 104, 106, and 108 provided on the device 100 also aid in controlling the device 100. The buttons 104, 106, and 108 only control the functions that appear

as being highlighted on the display screen 306. Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that does not appear on the screen 306.

The invention as claimed improves ease of use of a portable digital device because having such a reversal feature reduces the need for visual feedback and focused attention, thus reducing the burden on the user having to remember the button functions which are not displayed on the screen whether it is in a first or second orientation. For example, the control for increasing volume being switched to decreasing volume, the control for forward tracking being switched to backward tracking and so forth. When the user first learns to use the device, he/she associates each button with its function. Thus by retaining the location and thus the tactile feeling of the functions, the user need not change his/her association of the buttons with the functions whether the device is use in both the first orientation and the second orientation.

Claims 3 and 5 discloses a portable digital device upon remapping, the increase volume and decrease volume operating functions which are not displayed, are interchanged. Want does not teach the features of claims 3 and 5, i.e. reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306.

Claim 4 discloses a portable digital device upon remapping, the operation of the menu control knob 20 is reversed and the functions are interchanged. Therefore, rotation clockwise will move the menu to the right, and rotation anticlockwise will move the menu to the left. Want teaches a control button 458 for processing input signals from the stylus. Want does not teach the features of

claim 4, wherein the operation of the knob 20 is reversed and interchanging the functions for improving ease of use.

Regarding claims 6 and 8, Want teaches flipping the display so that it is readable in a normal orientation in either the left held or right held configurations. The functions remain the same in both configurations. But Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 after rotating the display as stated in claims 6 and 8 which claim dependency to claim 1.

Regarding claims 7 and 9, Want teaches using buttons on the hand held computer that is capable of being operated by the right or left hands. But want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 as stated in claim 7 which claim dependency to claim 1.

Regarding claim 10, Want teaches assigning functions to buttons when the application software determines from the user input that there is a change in the configuration, either left held or right held. But Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 after rotating the display as stated in claim 10 which claim dependency to claim 1.

Regarding claim 11, Want teaches keeping reference coordinates in the same position, i.e. the lower left of the display as viewed by the user. This ensures that points on the display screen expressed in relative coordinates are the same whether held in the left or right hand configuration. Want does not

teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 as stated in claim 11 which claim dependency to claim 1.

Claim 12 discloses rotating information for display from a first rotation position to a second rotation position and remapping at least two operation functions of at least two control devices of the portable device from one operating function to another operating function wherein the at least two operating functions are selected from the group consisting of: skip forwards, skip back, increase volume, decrease volume, menu display move to the left and menu display move to the right.

Want does not teach rotating information for display and remapping operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306.

Claims 14 and 16 discloses a portable digital device upon remapping, the increase volume and decrease volume operating functions which are not displayed, are interchanged. Want does not teach the features of claims 14 and 16, i.e. reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306.

Claim 15 discloses a portable digital device upon remapping, the operation of the menu control knob 20 is reversed and the functions are interchanged. Therefore, rotation clockwise will move the menu to the right, and rotation anticlockwise will move the menu to the left. Want teaches a control button 458 for processing input signals from the stylus. Want does not teach the features of claim 15, wherein the operation of the knob 20 is reversed and interchanging the functions for improving ease of use.

Regarding claims 17 and 19, Want teaches flipping the display so that it is readable in a normal orientation in either the left held or right held configurations. The functions remain the same in both configurations. But Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 after rotating the display as stated in claims 17 and 19 which claim dependency to claim 12.

Regarding claims 18 and 20, Want teaches using buttons on the hand held computer that is capable of being operated by the right or left hand. But Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 as stated in claim 7 which claim dependency to claim 12.

Regarding claim 21, Want teaches assigning functions to buttons when the application software determines from the user input that there is a change in the configuration, either left held or right held. But Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 after rotating the display as stated in claim 21 which claim dependency to claim 12.

Regarding claim 22, Want teaches keeping reference coordinates in the same position, i.e. the lower left of the display as viewed by the user. This ensures that points on the display screen expressed in relative coordinates are the same whether held in the left or right hand configuration. Want does not teach the reversal of operational functions that do not appear on the screen 306 as stated in claim 11 which claim dependency to claim 12.

In light of the above, we respectfully submit that the pending claims are not anticipated by Want and are novel over the prior art.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Want.

II. Cancelled Claims

Claims 2 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant takes this action merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a continuing application, if applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate any of the cancelled subject matter to the public.

III. Amended Claims

Claims 1, 3, 4, 12, 14 and 15 have been amended. Support of the amendments may be found under lines 12 – 16, page 3 of the specification. Further, the amended claims also conform to the claims of the corresponding PCT application PCT/SG2004/000275 which have recently been allowed by the IPEA over the same prior art. A copy of the IPRP (Chapter II) is enclosed.

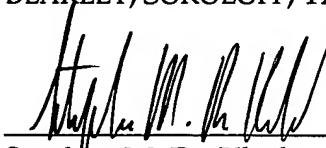
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite

or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Clerk at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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International application No. PCT/SG2004/000275	International filing date (day/month/year) 31 August 2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 4 September 2003	
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PCT/SG2004/000275**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**CLAIMS 1-20**

None of the citations in the search report, individually or in combination, disclose the features of the claims. In particular there is no disclosure of reversal of operating function of control devices. Furthermore, none of the distinguishing features over prior art would either be obvious to a person skilled in the art or would merely amount to adding common general knowledge. The claims are, therefore, novel and inventive.

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